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Confirmation No.: 8314
Our Docket # F-113

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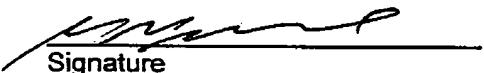
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 Venkata Katikaneni, et al.) Customer No.: 00919
) Examiner: Rutao Wu
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 Filed: April 3, 2001)
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

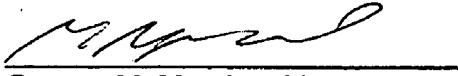
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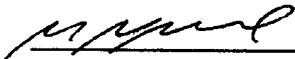
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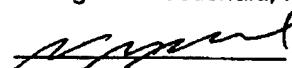
This communication is submitted in response to the September 21, 2006 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due December 21, 2006 and this initial response is filed before two months after the mailing of the Final Office Action. See MPEP 714.13. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.

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